

WORKSHOP PROCEEDINGS

Livelihood Analysis and Development of a Planning Support for the Poor in Aquaculture and Aquatic Resource Management

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I-Participants

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3. Institute/School's staff: (appendix 2)

- 4 staffs from RIA.No.1
- A staff from Thu Duc University of Agriculture and Forest

4. Provincial's staffs: (appendix 2)

- Quang Tri : 8 staffs (2 absent)
- Long An : 10 staffs
- Thai Nguyen: 10 staffs

Note: 1 Women Union's and 1 Agriculture/Forestry/Aquaculture's representative at all level - province, district, and commune (per province).

First Day

II. Objectives

- 1. Goal** To understand and describe the livelihoods of poor people who manage aquatic resources for planning support.
- 2. Purpose** To support field workers to carry out livelihood analysis of poor people who manage aquatic resources and to understand how to use this information to make plan for supporting.

III. Outcomes

1. *Capacity building*

- To understand sustainable livelihoods (SL) frameworks
- To understand and define SL terms in Vietnamese and English
- To consider how SL frameworks are used in planning support
- To consider ways and implications of bringing together multiple stakeholder groups in livelihood analysis.

2. *Work-plan development*

- To develop work-plans for analyzing livelihoods to contribute to the development of the Ministry of Fisheries "Sustainable aquaculture for poverty alleviation" (SAPA) strategy.

VI. Contents and working methods of workshop

Groups discussions to collect and communicate information and unified opinion between groups.

1.Contents

Concentrated experiences of local manager (Long An- Thai Nguyen- Quang Tri).

1.1 *Method*: Discussion follows by 5 groups to answer the questions :

- + *What do they expect from this workshop?*
- + *How have we been learning about the lives of fishers and farmers?*

1.2 *Outcomes*

1.2.1 *Expectation of 3 provinces (Long An -Thai Nguyen - Quang Tri).*

- Capital and technical for aquaculture and fisheries.
- Types of production development (household economic) to overcome small-scale production situation.

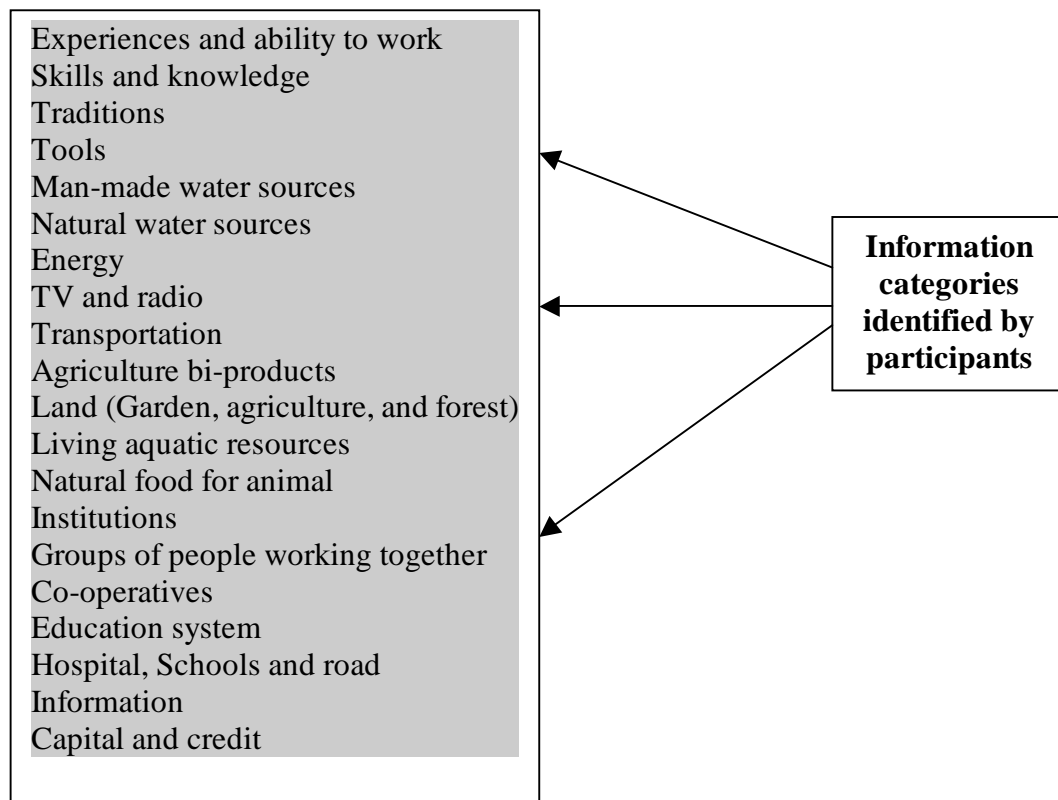
- Capacity building for local staff (agriculture and aquaculture extension's staff, women union's staff...)
- Production consumption (market and transportation)
- Unified guidance from Government to local in aquatic resources development activities.
- To pay attention on building aquaculture development projects for poor communities in mountainous and remote regions (Ministry of Fisheries, DFID...)
- To be held workshop on aquatic resource development between regions in order to share experiences, knowledge as well as capital support for aquatic resources development activities.
- Promoting education level for community.

1.2.2 Survey experience of management officers in regions (Long An-Thai Nguyen-Quang Tri carried out some investigations)

- Selection a site
- Development a plan
- Selection survey staff
- Estimate budget
- Making questionnaire
- Completion pre-survey
- Conducting survey and field visits
- Data collect and analysis (Questionnaires, RRA/PRA)
- Discussion and collate information
- Draft content of work-plan support

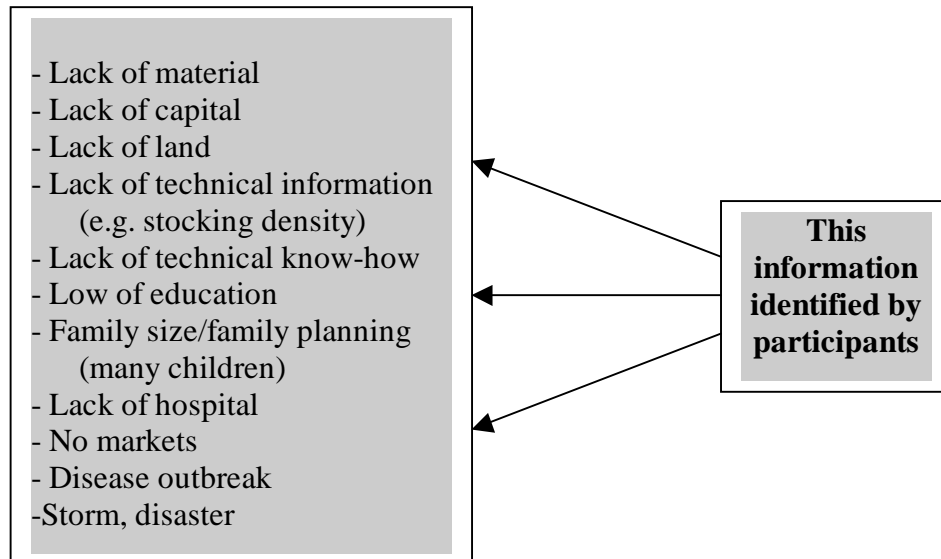
The information were identified and categorized by participants in the process of discussion as following diagram:

Diagram 1:



The causes of Poverty were identified

Diagram 2: Causes of poverty



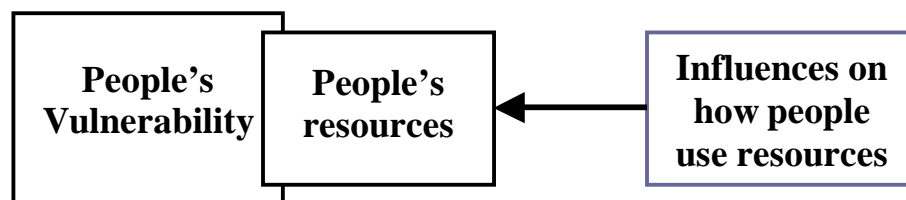
2. Defining terms in sustainable livelihood analysis (SLA)

2.1. Method

- Group discussion: 5 groups
- Contents: divided into 3 information categories (3 terms in livelihood analysis)
 - + Resources
 - + Vulnerabilities
 - + Influences

Diagram 3: The outline of our framework for resources, vulnerabilities and influences of people

(Content of sustainable livelihood analysis)



Second Day

2.2. Outcomes

Terms in livelihood analysis were summarized by 5 groups. Some of these terms are summarized in diagram 4.

Diagram 4

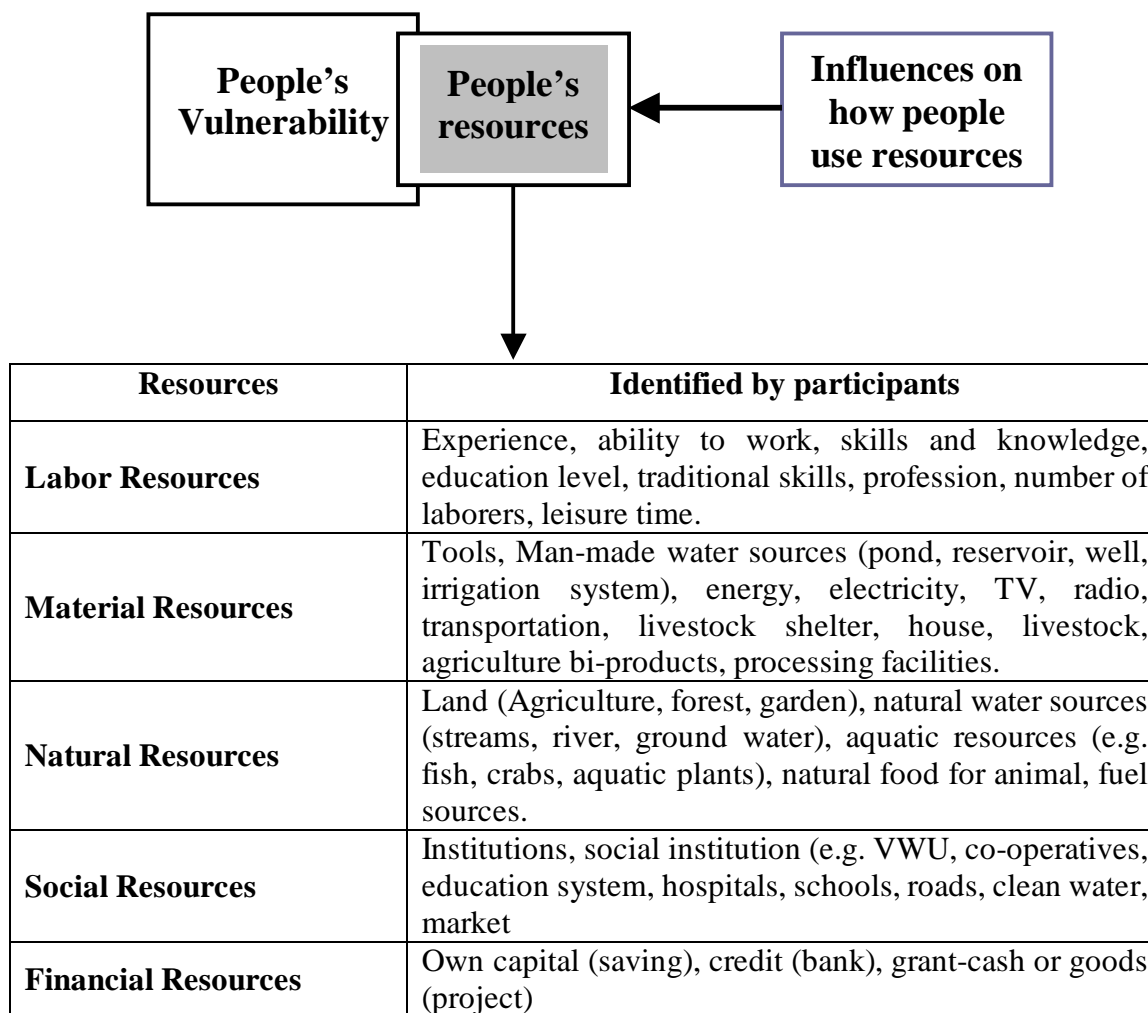


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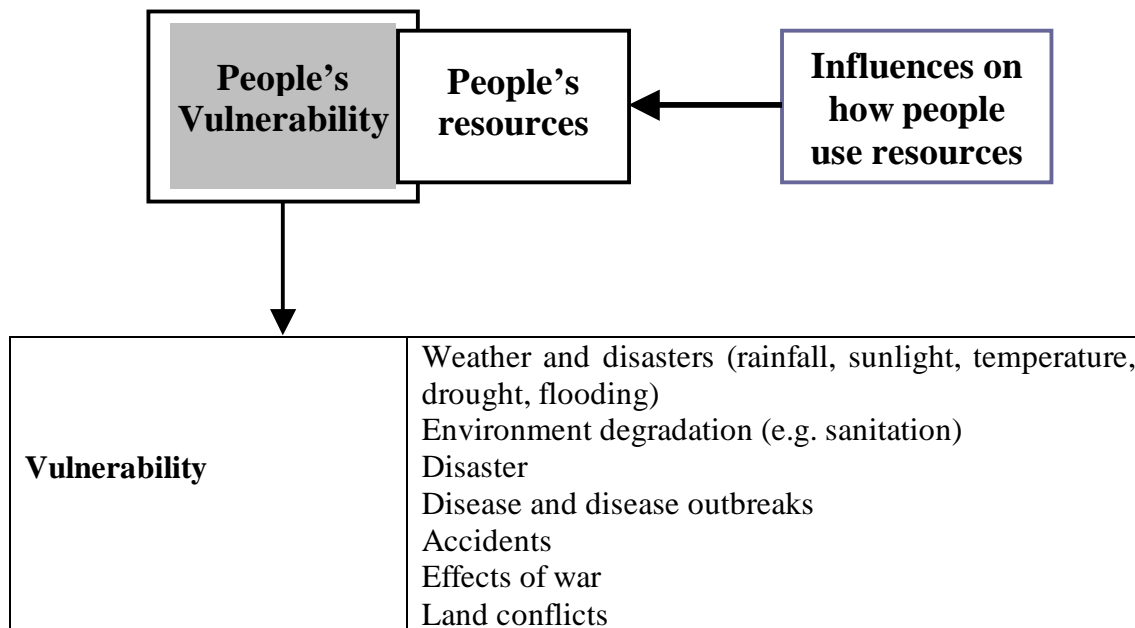
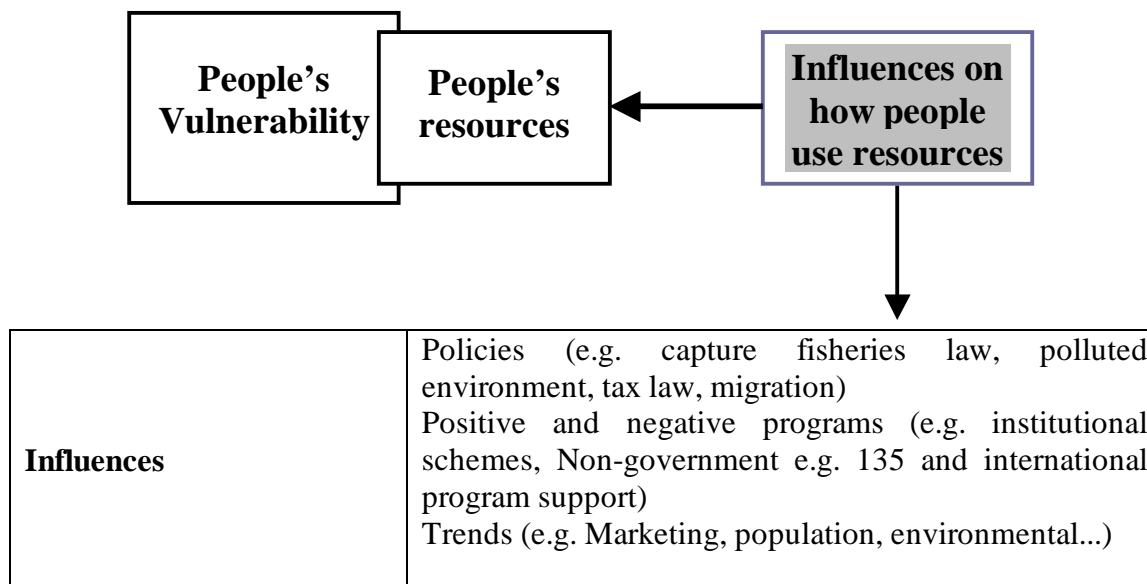


Diagram 6:



Information of the groups allows that we should collect necessary information in the process of livelihood analysis of poor people. We need to follow closely those contents and find appropriate information in their own community.

Third Day

3. Developing SL work plans for 3 provinces (Long An-Thai Nguyen- Quang Tri)

3.1. Method

- Each province discussed their development work-plans (3 groups).

3.2. Objectives

- Developing SL work plans for each province due to information groups
 - + Information groups: Resources, Vulnerabilities, and Influences.
 - + To put forward a solution in province's developing activities.

3.3. Requirement

- The information must detail and accuracy to Ministry of Fisheries and DFID has correctly decision in developing work-plan.
- Contents
 - + To show livelihood analysis approach in areas:
 - Framework schedule
 - Constructing collection information systems
 - + Co-operation and combine participation of province and organization.
 - + Asking to government and international agencies support for regions
 - + Remain problems.

3.4. Outcomes

In work-plan for livelihood analysis of 3 provinces show for styles and methods research, such as:

- + Selection a site (two communes of 135 program)
- + Development a plan
- + Selection survey staff
- + Estimation budget
- + Developing questionnaire
- + Completing pre-survey
- + Conducting survey and field visits (use questionnaires, PRA, RRA)
- + Collecting and analysis information
- + Discussion and collate information
- + Learning from implementing support.

All three provinces understood clearly objectives and methods for livelihood analysis of farmer/fisher in developing work-plan. However:

- + Lack of information needed (e.g. Thai Nguyen group lack of information for materials and human resources)
- + They do not understand nature of PRA method so that without effects.
- + Quang Tri group is stronger some points than Thai Nguyen and Long An groups. They deal with a combine between offices (Women Union, Farmer group, Youth Union and Elders Union)

When they carry out investigation, they concerned people who are beneficiaries and difficult problems when go to survey/field visit.

- Three provinces expect to project support:
 - + Financial support
 - + Equipment (for survey and data analysis)
 - + Education (knowledge and survey method)
 - + Government and local manager conducts and guidance in aquatic resource development activities.
- Three provinces expect that project will support in livelihood analysis process in community:
 - + Quang Tri province:
 - Technical
 - Capital
 - Income (increasing income)
 - + Long An province:
 - Create more jobs
 - Good market for exchange of goods
 - Escape poverty
 - + Thai Nguyen province:
 - Simple technical (but effect)
 - Using optimal available aquatic resource
 - A little vulnerable

Conclusion

-We all have a better understanding of what we will need to do in order to be able to carry out livelihood analyses

-During three days of workshop based on group discussion method and share information, experiences and unified opinion. The participants could be able to understand and arrange for key information to contribution discussed follow by 3 main information groups (3 terms in livelihood analysis):

- + Resources
- + Vulnerabilities
- + Influences

Data collecting methods

- + Questionnaire
- + Interview
- + Survey, field visits

-We all have a better understanding of what we will need to do in order to be able to carry out livelihood analyses

- Steps for implementation (follow up items)

+ Steps for implementation process will be discussed by Ministry of Fisheries, RIA.1 and DFID (April, 2001)

+ Intensify co-operation between organisation and administration in implementation process.

- + Training (for extension center's staff and women union etc....)
- + Draft for experimentation strategies for simple areas.
- + Share results, experience, process and lesson learning.

Hope so that this workshop will be capacity building for local manager. This workshop also helps them combine many agencies into "*Hunger eradication and poverty reduction*" program in their region.

Workshop is a step approach initiative with sustainable livelihood analysis of the poor who used aquatic resource.

The issues will be solved in next workshop.

VI. Workshop assessment of participants

After the Workshop, In general, working methods by groups to help participants have understood clearly the livelihood of farmer and fisher. They have also known methods of livelihood analysis of poor farmer and fisher and then they can build plans for analyzing livelihood of poor farmer and fisher at their own places.

Through Workshop's assessment of each participant and all, We can summarize opinions of participants as below:

1. What do you understand purposes and expectations of your on the workshop?:

Purposes:

-Strengthening capacity for management officials at different levels (province, district, commune) in promoting economic development at their locality to aim at mobilizing community resources for solving economic issues/problems (participants attending the workshop)

- Understanding livelihood and methods to assess sustainable livelihood of poor farmer.

-Understanding sustainable livelihood analysis and methods of livelihood analysis of poor farmer, collecting data methods and using information for analyzing and planning support programs.

- The main objectives of the workshop are to identify sustainable livelihood for the poor. and then having knowledge/capacity for assisting to build sustainable livelihood frameworks for the poor in the best way.

Expectation:

- Making plans for livelihood analyses of poor farmer to carry out at their locality and livelihood analyses plans will be carried out early.

- Development support from government and international organizations (Financial, seed, technical support) to aim helping farmer about technical-scientific knowledge to use effectively aquatic resources.

- Helping from Ministry of Fisery (MoF), international Organizations to expand livelihood analyses of farmer at different localities.

- The government and donor agencies will have policies and assistants programs with enough resources, the lowest risk for the poor (Finance, materials).

- SAPA program' s supports for developing difficult localities (Especially in communes of 135 program).

- Supporting finance and production technologies to escape from poverty.

- Understanding analysis methods for building HEPR plans.

2. What do you think of discussed Frameworks and Methods on this Workshop?

- Discussed frameworks and methods concern with people's livelihood and experiences of participants in analyzing livelihood of the poor at their own localities.

- Discussed method is very exciting and easy to understand.

- Helping participants to understand more resources, vulnerabilities, influences, and then they can able to build plans for analyzing livelihood of the poor.

- It is useful in improving knowledge of livelihood of farmer and fisher.

3. How can you able to contribute to livelihood analysis of farmer and fisher?

- Almost participants can be able to participate collecting information for analyzing livelihood (survey, field visit).

- Sharing information, experiences to each other.

- Trying to work effectively for analyzing livelihood of farmer and fisher

4. What importance has you learn on the workshop?

- Understanding methods of livelihood analysis of farmer to apply at their localities.

- Understanding more terms in livelihood analysis of farmer .

- To learns working methods from different localities.

- Knowing clearly livelihood indicators and classification of indicators (Resources , vulnerabilities, influences).

5. Other

- Scientific working method.

- Diversity of participants from different provinces has provided diverse ideas and opinions on developing and identifying sustainable livelihood.

- Livelihood analyses were carried out early.

- Ministry of Fisery (MoF), Government and international Organization should organize more workshops on livelihood of the poor for local staff.

Appendix 1: Draft Workshop Agenda

DAY ONE	Content
8:30	Opening Ceremony and Welcome Address by Vice-Director of the DARD -Mr.Duong Van Lanh
8.45	Address by Deputy Director RIA.1-Mr.Thai Doan Ung
9:00	Workshop objectives and overview Bill Savage
9:30	Expectations
10:00	Coffee Break
10:15	Understanding the lives of Fishers and Farmers
12:00	Lunch
1:00	Information needed about Fishers and Farmers for planning support
2:30	Coffee Break
2.45	Defining terms in sustainable livelihood (SL) analysis
4:30	Finish

DAY TWO	
8:00	Drafting SL analysis frameworks
10:00	Coffee Break
10:15	Feedback on SL analysis frameworks.
12:00	Lunch
1:00	Drafting SL analysis frameworks
2:30	Coffee Break
2.45	Feedback on SL analysis frameworks.
4.30	Finish

DAY THREE	
8:00	Developing SL work plans
10:00	Coffee Break
10:15	Feedback on SL work plans.
12:00	Lunch
1:00	Issues in stakeholder collaboration.
2:30	Coffee Break
2.45	Next steps
3.30	Workshop evaluation
3.45	Summary
4:15	Closing session by Director of the DARD
4.30	Finish

Appendix 2: List of participants of DFID's Workshop in Thai Nguyen

<i>ID</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Institution</i>	<i>Responsibilities</i>
LONG AN PROVINCE			
1.	Hoang Khac Tuong	Provincial Department of Agricultural & Rural development	Officer
2.	Vo Thi Kim Lieng	Provincial Woman Union	Officer
Duc Hue District			
3.	Ly Van Lanh	District Department of Agricultural & Rural development	Agricultural Extension
4.	Le Thi Muc	District Woman Union	Chair of Woman Union
Duc Hue District -My Thanh Dong commune			
5	Ho Thi Huong	People' s committee of Commune	Chair of Woman Unit
6	Nguyen Van Nghiep	People' s committee of Commune	Agricultural Extension
Thanh Hoa district			
7	Tran Minh Tam	District Department of Agricultural & Rural development	Agricultural Extension
8	Nguyen Thi Hinh	District Woman Union	Deputy chair of Woman Union
Thanh Hoa District -Thuan Nghia Hoa commune			
9	Tranh Van Ganh	People' s committee of Commune	General of Commune
10	Tran Thi Khuong	People' s committee of Commune	Officer
THAI NGUYEN PROVINCE			
11	Nguyen Van Lung	District Department of Agricultural & Rural development	Aquacultural Expert
12	Ma Thi Huy	District Woman Union	Deputy chair of Woman Union
Dinh Hoa District			
13	Hoang Van Thang	District Department of Agricultural & Rural development	Agri & Aqua Extension
14	Ngo Thi Loi	District Woman Union	Officer
Dinh Hoa District -Phuong Tien Commune			
15	Phung Van Hung	People' s committee of Commune	Agri Extension Officer
16	Nong Thi Nham	Communal Woman Unit	Chair of Woman Unit
Vo Nhai District			
17	Mac Van Toan	District Department of Agricultural & Rural development	Agri & Aqua Extension

18	Luong Thi Dung	District Woman Union	Officer of Woman Unit
Vo Nhai District -Dan Tien Communes			
19	Duong Quoc Chinh	People' s committee of Commune	Officer
20	Ha Thi Duyet	Communal Woman Unit	Vice chair of Women's unit
QUANG TRI PROVINCE			
21	Vo Van Phung	Provincial Department of Fishery	Technical Officer
Huong Hoa District			
24	Ho Thi Thuy	District Woman Union	Officer
Huong Hoa District-A Tuc Commune			
25	Can Ling	Communal Woman Unit	Chair of Woman Unit
26	Am Tam	People' s committee of Commune	Agri Extension Officer
Dakrong District			
27	Vo Van Nhon	District Department of Agricultural & Rural development	Officer
28	Nguyen Thi Ha	District Woman Union	Chair Woman Unit
Dakrong District -Ta long Commune			
29	Pi Duc	Communal Woman Unit	Chair Woman Unit
30	Pa Thoa	People' s committee of Commune	Agri Extension Officer
Thu Duc Agriculture and Forestry University			
31	Vo Thi Thanh Binh	Aquaculture of Faculty	Technical staff
Research Institute for Aquaculture NoI			
32	Trinh Quang Tu	Department of Extension	Researcher
33	Nguyen Van Thin	Department of Extension	Researcher
34	Do Thi Kim Oanh	VIE project	Researcher
35	Dao Nguyen Man	Department of NORAD Project	Project assistant

